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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE TIMOR (PT) BATTLEFIELD SITUATION

AT YEAR-END; AILEU AND ATAURO CAPTURED

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1. JAKARTA PRESS DEC. 31 REPORTS FALL OF FRETELIN  
STRONGHOLD OF AILEU TO PRO-INDONESIAN FORCES MORNING DEC. 29.  
REPORTS STATE FRETELIN AMMUNITION  
AND LOGISTICS GODOWNS  
SEIZED.

2. SAME REPORTS STATE THAT POPULATION OF ATAURO ISLAND  
DEC. 28 DECLARED INTEGRATION WITH PRO-INDONESIAN EAST  
TIMOR "PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT". ATAURO ISLAND, APPROX  
15 MILES OFF TIMOR COAST OPPOSITE DILI, WAS BASE OF  
RESIDUAL PORTUGUESE PRESENCE IN PT FOLLOWING GOP WITHDRAWAL  
FROM DILI AFTER OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE IN AUGUST. END  
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3. VARIOUS LOCAL SOURCES HAVE REPORTED THAT ATAURO WAS  
TAKEN BY PRO-INDONESIAN FORCES PRIOR TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
INTEGRATION DECISION. TROOPS REPORTEDLY ENCOUNTERED NO  
RESISTANCE ON ATAURO, FROM WHICH LAST PORTUGUESE PERSONNEL  
HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN BY PORTUGUESE NAVAL VESSELS SEVERAL  
DAYS PREVIOUSLY.

4. LOCAL SOURCES ALSO REPORT PRO-INDONESIAN UNITY IS  
CURRENTLY MOVING ON  
SOUTH COAST TOWN OF SUAI (APPROX 15  
MILES FROM INDONESIAN BORDER), AND THAT CAPTURE OF SUAI  
IS NEXT MAJOR OBJECTIVE FOLLOWING FALL OF AILEU.

5. COMMENT: WITH FALL OF AILEU AND PROSPECTIVE FALL  
OF SUAI, PRIMARY AREA OF FRETELIN CONTROL NOW REDUCED TO  
BOBONARO-ERMERA-MAUBISSE TRIANGLE IN CENTER OF ISLAND  
SOUTHWEST OF DILI. AREA CONTAINS SUBSTANTIAL POPULATION  
AS WELL AS MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN WHICH COULD PROVIDE BASE  
FOR PROLONGED GUERRILLA-TYPE RESISTANCE IF RPT IF FRETELIN  
MORALE AND SUPPLIES SHOLD UP. SIMILAR RESISTANCE ALSO  
POSSIBLE ON PART OF SCATTERED FRETELIN UNITS ELSEWHERE IN  
SOUTHERN AND EASTERN AREAS OF TIMOR INTO WHICH PRO-  
INDONESIAN FORCES HAVE NOT YET SIGNIFICANTLY PENETRATED.  
UNLIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT FRETELIN WOULD BE ABLE TO MOUNT  
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STRONG RESISTANCE TO FURTHER CONCERTED PRO-INDONESIAN  
ATTACKS ON POPULATION CENTERS AND MAJOR TRANSPORTATION  
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